



April 2014 Update

Tuition and Fees Set for 2014-2015

At its April meeting, the Board approved tuition and fees for the state's public universities and colleges at levels lower than requested and at the lowest levels in recent years. Idaho's full-time tuition and fees rank below the average of other western states and are among the lowest compared to their peer institutions. The Board focused on holding overall tuition increases for Academic Year 2014-2015 to not more than 4% for the four-year institutions. Lewis-Clark State College's request for a 2% adjustment and Idaho State University's request for 3.5% were approved. This year's request from Boise State University highlighted the inclusion of part-time fees in addition to full-time resident tuition. Following discussion, the Board approved an average percentage increase for BSU of 4% measured across the entire student body. The Board also approved 4% for full-time tuition and fees for the University of Idaho. See more information [here](#). Tuition and fees at the community colleges are set by their locally elected boards of trustees.

Changes on the Board

Long-time Board member Milford Terrell has announced his resignation from the Board effective June 30, 2014. Mr. Terrell is currently serving a third term which expires on June 30, 2017. "I've served as a volunteer for 30 years for six governors on numerous boards and committees," said Terrell. "My wife and I have decided it's time to scale back on some of these activities." [Members of the Board](#) are appointed by the Governor and serve 5 year terms.

The Board has elected new officers for 2014-2015. Emma Atchley, from Ashton, will serve as President; Rod Lewis, from Boise, will serve as Vice President; and Don Soltman, from Twin Lakes, will serve as Secretary.

Legislative Items of Interest

Among the Board's successful legislation in the 2014 session was a change to the timing of Board appointments. Board members will now be appointed by July 1st. They must still be confirmed by the Senate during the next legislative session. Board members will also continue to serve after the expiration of their term until a replacement has been appointed.

[Senate Bill 1233](#) provides additional funding to students for dual credit programs. As of July 1st, high school juniors will be eligible for \$200 and high school seniors can receive up to \$400 for dual credit and professional-technical courses. Board and Department of Education staff are working on the mechanism to provide this funding to districts around the state.

With the passage of [Senate Bill 1372](#), established to protect student information and establish procedures for collecting new data, the Board's Data Management Council is in the process of developing a Model Data Policy to assist districts in implementing the new requirements. The model policy will be considered by the Board at its June meeting.

[House Bill 521](#) requires public school districts and charter schools to develop and publish a strategic plan by September. The legislature appropriated up to \$2,000 for Districts that wish to receive training from qualified training organizations. The Board is working to establish criteria for qualified trainers and publish a list of those trainers by July 1st.

Education Committees continue work on Task Force recommendations

The 20 recommendations of the Governor's Task Force for Improving Education have received broad support from stakeholder groups across the state. The 2014 Legislature addressed some of the specific recommendations. However, many of the recommendations require further study and development of plans for implementation. The Governor has asked the State Board to lead special committees to do this work. Board member and Task Force Chair Richard Westerberg will chair the overall work of the committees with Board Secretary Don Soltman as co-chair. Two working groups have been created to develop proposals, including implementation strategies, necessary legislation, timelines and required funding. The two groups: Career Ladder/Tiered Licensure and Structure and Governance began work on April 7th. A third group to address the Task Force recommendation on Literacy Proficiency is currently being formed and will begin work this spring. More information about these committees, including scheduled meetings, meeting materials and meeting notes is available at www.boardofed.idaho.gov.

College and Career Success Network

Numerous statewide and regional college access networks exist across the country to serve as interconnected systems of organizations that cooperate, coordinate and collaborate to achieve increased postsecondary access and success. As part of Idaho's ongoing efforts to strengthen the education pipeline and leverage partnerships, the State Board has asked leaders across the state to help in establishing Educate Idaho, a college and career success network. The network will link agencies, organizations, and businesses in a coordinated statewide effort to share information, ideas and resources to advance the state's goal that 60 percent of Idahoans, ages 25-34, will attain a postsecondary degree or certificate of value by 2020. The network's efforts will include development of a web resource for information about postsecondary access and success, as well as promotion of College Application Week, Financial Aid Awareness/FAFSA Completion and the Board's newly developed transfer and articulation web portal, which will be available to students later this spring. These efforts will help create greater awareness of the benefits of postsecondary education and will support and promote the initiatives of the [Complete College Idaho Plan](#). The Educate Idaho advisory committee will meet for the first time on May 1st in Boise.

Idaho Public Television

IdahoPTV will be working in partnership with Idaho EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) to provide educational outreach based on science issues. EPSCoR is funded by the National Science Foundation to help states build their scientific research capacities. The Idaho EPSCoR program recently received a five-year grant to examine how ecological conditions can affect society. One example of the research that will be funded is a study to look at how a declining aquifer might affect future growth in the Treasure Valley. IdahoPTV will add to EPSCoR's efforts by helping scientists create public awareness about their findings.

Thus far in 2014, IdahoPTV has received several honors of distinction for local productions and services:

- 12 Remi awards from Worldfest International Film Festival
- 9 Emmy Nominations from National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, NW Chapter
- 7 Telly awards
- 1 Special Jury award from Worldfest International Film Festival
- 1 Golden Eagle Award from CINE (Council on International Nontheatrical Events)

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